GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH OF FPI
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth of food processing industries has been showing a declining trend;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make maximum use of available fruits and vegetables in the country in the promotion of Food Processing Industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries gives financial assistance by way of grant upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs in difficult areas for the setting up /modernisation/expansion of food processing industries. Approval of financial assistance is given on the basis of technical and financial viability of the proposals received.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has requested all State Governments to conduct detailed studies, which could assist them in formulating action oriented policies for the development of processed food sector as also for devising action plan and strategies for the development of the sector and to utilise to the maximum the available fruits and vegetables.